

**FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES**  
**FREDERICK SENIOR CENTER**  
**February 14, 2011**

<b>DOA MEMBERS</b>	<b>DOA STAFF</b>	<b>EXCUSED</b>	<b>UNEXCUSED</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
Rae Ann Butler	Mia Brust	Cristina Donahue-Taylor		Janice Deluliis
Diane Julian	Nena Tierney	Hal Ehart		Suzanne Cliber
Jim Judd	Susan M. Ramsburg Recording Sec	David Gray, Comm		Margie Weaver
Carol Krimm, Alderman	Carolyn True	Millard Haines		Diane Grove
Louise Lynch		Margaret Nusbaum		
Mary Rice		Virginia Skelley		
Debra Savageau				
Stephen Wilhide				
Robert Wannemacher				

- I. **Call to Order – Louise Lynch, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions – –** Louise welcomed all attendees. There were guests and DoA staff present at today's meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting were approved as written. All were in favor.

**IV. Commissioner's Report** – Commissioner Gray was not present at today's meeting. He is in Georgia with other commissioners exploring privatization options for local government.

**Alderman's Report** – Alderman Krimm was present at today's meeting. Alderman Krimm commented that all levels of government are without additional funding. Budget cuts will trickle down from federal to state to local governments. The economy has shown some growth, but it will be slow to recover. There have been no changes to the DoA at the state level at this time.

**V. Town Hall discussion/planning, Louise Lynch, Debra Savageau, Mary Rice** – There was some discussion about whether this is a good time for a planned town hall meeting. Commissioner Gray will be here in March for a public forum. Seniors can attend that to discuss any issues which concern them. One suggestion was to have officials attend the Elder Expo in October for a town hall meeting. Raeann could take this suggestion to the next ESPC meeting. The senior attendance for this event is normally large. The 2011 Expo is on October 5. Space at the Expo is limited. There is the chance that the area reserved for lunch could be used in the morning. The town hall would need to have a purpose and a group willing to spend the time to organize the event. Information was gathered at last year's Expo which didn't represent the fragile seniors who are not able to attend this event. Local churches may be more aware of seniors who have needs. There is a ministerial association which meets locally. The Religious Coalition is also another association which would be aware of possible senior needs. It would be beneficial to have members from this area invited to one of our monthly meetings. It would be advantageous to have talked with these agencies when going before the BoCC with the yearly report. Mary and Debra will draft a letter to send to the ministerial association inviting them to a future meeting. It will be emailed to Louise, Raeann, and Carolyn for review.

**Annual Report to the BoCC, Louise Lynch** – Louise will review her notes and put together a report for approval at next month's meeting. A date to meet with the BoCC will then be requested. There should be senior census information available soon also.

**Interagency Partnership, Louise Lynch, Carolyn True** – A purpose and goals should be developed to ensure efficiency and effectiveness once this partnership is established. One of the goals of this partnership would be to have coordination of care for vulnerable seniors so that there is no duplication of services or gaps in service.

**VI. Discussion concerning the proposed privatization of CCRC and Montevue, Bob Wannemacher** – Margie Weaver attended from Citizens Care and Rehab Center and Diane Grove also attended from Montevue. The BoCC have no plans at this time to sell or privatize CCRC or Montevue. They may be combining some services between the two facilities to cut costs. Some services are currently shared and others such as business/marketing and admissions could be shared in the future. When the new CCRC opens, there will more private pay beds than previously planned. There is currently a waiting list of twenty-five people with approximately a two year wait. The list is currently closed. There is still a huge need for Montevue services. A large number of clients from CCRC transition over to Montevue for assisted living needs. CCRC is able to make a profit currently which will increase once the new facility is open. There are companies interested in purchasing CCRC. Both facilities are subsidized by the county but do give monies back to the general fund. These facilities both provide a crucial service to disadvantaged Frederick County citizens. There are many families who struggle with maintaining long term care services for their loved ones. It was suggested to have more communication to the public about the good that these facilities provide to the indigent of Frederick County. It would be good to put a human face to the story and tell actual stories of what happens when services are provided. It was decided to add the CCRC-Montevue issue to the report to the BoCC. The stats are already available, but should be brought to the BoCC attention by a different body. The CoA should reiterate to the BoCC of the serious need of these facilities for indigent seniors. There are already compromised seniors who need the services at these facilities who aren't able to get them. A change in the Medicaid admission level would only increase the need. There are many living at-home programs that are already overwhelmed. A motion to request more information from the CCRC/Montevue board of directors to be included in the report to the BoCC was put forth by Steve Wilhide. Diane Julian seconded that motion. Also included in the motion is that Debra will contact the ministerial association to request information and/or their attendance at one of our meetings. All were in favor. This information will then be included in the CoA report to the BoCC. Diane Grove will take information and request for information back to their board of trustees.

There cannot be a delay in requesting input from the ministerial association and Religious Coalition. It is imperative that we get information and schedule a meeting with the BoCC for the annual report as soon as possible.

**USM Report, Ginny Skelley**– The USM Rally will be on March 9. The DoA van will not be available for transportation due to lack of participants.

**Nomination Committee Report, Jim Judd, Millard Haines** – Terms may be scheduled to expire concurrently. Some members may have time extended to their current terms. The newly created policies and procedures were sent out via email. This would be much needed guidelines for this committee. If you have any questions or comments, please email to Jim. The member profile that was distributed also via email has been completed and returned by eleven out of twelve members. There is an amazing wealth of knowledge represented on this CoA. There are two vacancies on this commission. Two letters of interest have been submitted and forwarded to this committee. According to the by-laws only twenty percent of members can be providers of service. Currently we have three members associated with providers and that is the limit. Candidates should be in the sixty plus age range and not providers of senior services. Jim will work with Joyce Grossnickle of the County Manager's office to change the description of the position for advertising purposes. It would be a good idea to post the advertisement in the senior centers and libraries.

**CoA Executive Report, Hal Ehart** – The Executive Committee met and most of the items discussed have been reviewed during today's meeting already. The Silver Alert program was also discussed due to recent local events. Louise called the local sheriff's department and invited Tom Johann to come and talk about the local Silver Alert program at the March meeting. The committee also talked about Commissioner Gray's public forum which will be held here on March 11 from 3p – 5p. This is an opportunity for seniors to have easy access and speak informally regarding their issues.

**Director's Report, Carolyn True** – Carolyn distributed a flyer created for a new program developed by the Caregiver program. They have partnered with the Delaplaine Visual Arts centers to offer an art program for those suffering with early-stage Alzheimer's and their caregivers. It will occur every other Thursday from March – May, 2011. There are currently five couples signed up for the program.

The director's report was also distributed at today's meeting. Some activities were cancelled in January due to the weather.

Navigating the Nursing Home Journey will be held again this year in May. This program helps to educate family members on the ins and outs of long-term care placement.

The Chronic Disease program is almost completed. There has been some favorable feedback regarding this program. This was possible due to a state grant. It is the hope that the program will be repeated at some time in the future.

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**VII. Announcements, All** – No announcements.

**VIII. Adjournment, All** – The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg,  
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

March 9, 2011 – USM Rally, Annapolis, MD. No snow date.

March 29, 2011, CoA Executive Meeting, 1:00pm at the Department of Aging

April 21, 2011 – Health Fair at Frederick Senior Center